

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Plainfield Energy Group
Notes of May 5th 2014 Meeting

Attending: Nick Seifert, Bob Atchinson, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips, Wes Cate, Rich Phillips, Michael Horowitz, Lawrence Black

Convene: 7:05 PM

Adjourn: 8:40 PM

- 1) Approved the notes of the February 3 third and March 10 Meetings
- 2) Rich updated on the Twinfield Solar project. The Board and Administration are supportive of the further development of the project. A trip to Crossett Brook on May 6th The trip would include the Principal, Charlie Wanzer, Rich and some students. Bob pointed out that he heard that Green Lantern financial is low on money to invest as they did at Crossett Brook. Request for Information is the next step
- 3) Discussed group solar options including homeowner cooperative ownership, and third party ownership like Crossett Brook.. The Solar Subcommittee is to meet soon.
- 4) Sun Common will be hosting a pizza gathering on April 26th at Positive Pie for interested homeowners.
- 5) The Weatherization Subcommittee has decided to stop promotion in May for the summer and regroup in the fall to prepare a new plan for the continued promotion. We have completed about 85 HEVs since April of 2013. In the Fall, we will follow up with homes where there has been a HEV to see what has happened
- 6) Rich explained the Environmental Leadership Award the committee applied for and the fact we have been chosen.. Bob and Rich will attend the ceremony on May 15th
- 7) We discussed the Summer Schedule of Committee meetings. We decided to have a potluck at Nick's for the July meeting but will also have the regular August meeting. The Solar Subcommittee will meet as necessary.
- 8) We discussed possible additional projects we might want to pursue in addition to the weatherization and solar projects. Some of those are listed below:
 - a) Improve the process for the Zoning Administrator to provide energy conservation design considerations to homeowners building new homes or major retrofits and to provide the contact information for the Energy Committee
 - b) Promotion and assistance with group solar.
 - c) Alternative transportation promotion
 - Taxis where appropriate
 - Ride sharing through FPF to supplement the state's real time system
 - Special promotion to increase bus ridership (already had a 13% increase/year)
 - Bus stop should look like one
 - Bus schedule posted at shelter
 - Bus stop signs on Re 2
 - Electronic sign showing location of the bus for those waiting
 - Energy /climate change education and awareness building
- 9) Plainfield updates:
 - a) A project to place solar panels at the the Park and Ride is being pursued instead of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ownership of the plant was the problem.
 - b) The last round of LEDs on Rte 2 is being planned
 - c) Plainfield is trying to decide whether is keep the existing cellulose and add to it. It's pretty dirty
- 10) Group Solar
 - a) The VECAN site has several group solar success stories. In a couple of cases a LLC was formed to own the system jointly and receive all the incentives available
 - b) The Solar Subcommittee will meet to develop options to assist residents wishing to pursue group solar.
 - c) Solar Subcommittee will meet shortly